

STATEMENT OF CONSIDERATIONS

REQUEST BY THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY (DOW) FOR AN
ADVANCE WAIVER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PATENT RIGHTS
UNDER DOE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. DE-FC07-01ID14213;
W(A)-01-032; CH-1079

The Petitioner, DOW, has requested a waiver of domestic and foreign patent rights for all subject inventions arising from its participation under the above referenced cooperative agreement entitled "Development of Improved Chemicals and Plastics from Oilseeds." Petitioner is part of an interactive team comprised further of a small agricultural company, Castor Oil, Inc., and the USDA Western Regional Research Center. USDA will not be providing any part of the total cost of the cooperative agreement. Under their agreement with USDA, Petitioner may receive an exclusive license in any USDA inventions which may arise. This waiver shall not impact the rights of those parties subject to Public Law 96-517, as amended, nor shall it grant any rights in inventions made by employees of the National Laboratories.

The objective of the cooperative agreement is to develop new chemical processes to convert seed oil to novel polymers, chemicals, and related co-products. Efforts will be made to develop unique feedstock oils in industrial oilseed crops through metabolic engineering and breeding, which will lead to improved products and processes. Petitioner expects to identify and eventually commercialize unique plastics, coatings, and various other materials from oleochemical-base renewable resources.

The total anticipated cost of the cooperative agreement is \$9.8 million, with the Petitioner and other partners providing \$4.9 million, for about fifty percent (50%) cost sharing. This waiver is contingent upon the Petitioner maintaining, in aggregate, the above cost sharing percentage over the course of the agreement.

As noted in its waiver petition, Petitioner has world class capability in catalysis, including combinatorial screening, catalyst libraries, process research and scale up. Petitioner has recently built up its biotech capabilities in San Diego including extensive molecular biology and analytical capabilities. Petitioner states that it has invested \$4.5 million so far in understanding properties of materials made from seed oil derivatives and chemistries that might be used to create these materials. Considering Petitioner's technical expertise and significant investment in this technology including sizable cost sharing in this cooperative agreement, it is reasonable to conclude that Petitioner will continue to develop and ultimately commercialize the technology and products which may arise from this cooperative agreement.

Petitioner has agreed that this waiver shall be subject to the march-in and preference for U.S. industry provisions, as well as the U.S. Government license, comparable to those set out in 35 U.S.C. 202-204. Further, Petitioner has agreed to the U.S. competitiveness provisions as attached to this Statement. In brief, Petitioner has agreed that products embodying intellectual property developed under this

agreement shall be substantially manufactured in the United States, and that Petitioner will not license, assign or otherwise transfer any waived invention to any entity unless that entity agrees to these same requirements. Additionally, Petitioner has agreed to contractor data licensing provisions as attached herein.

Referring to item 10 of the waiver petition, granting this waiver is not anticipated to have any adverse impact on competition. Although the technology referenced herein is emerging, there is currently a significant amount of research and development being conducted in this area. The success of Petitioner and its team members, under this cooperative agreement, can be expected to stimulate further investment and competition in this technology.

Considering the foregoing, it is believed that granting this waiver will provide Petitioner with the necessary incentive to invest its resources in the commercialization of the results of the cooperative agreement in a fashion which will make the above technology available to the public in the shortest practicable time. Therefore, upon evaluation of the waiver petition and in view of the objectives and considerations set forth in 10 CFR 784, all of which have been considered, it is recommended that the requested waiver be granted.

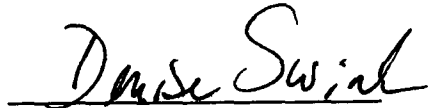
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Date: 12/12/01

Based upon the foregoing Statement of Considerations and representations in the attached waiver petition, it is determined that the interests of the United States and the general public will best be served by a waiver of patent rights of the scope described above, and therefore the waiver is granted. This waiver shall not apply to any modification or extension of the cooperative agreement, where through such modification or extension, the purpose, scope or cost of the cooperative agreement has been substantially altered.

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